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[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II—PRIVILEGE MATTER REGARDING PICKETING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 184 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules from Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer for permission to raise a matter of privilege regarding—

"The disrespect, contempt and breach of privilege of this House committed by the members of the Madras Communist Party led by—

(1) Sri Manali Kandasami;
(2) Sri K. Gajapathi;
(3) Sri K. Murugesan;
(4) Sri P. Karuppannan;
(5) Sri G. Krishnan; and
(6) Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A.

on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 1961 by picketing before the Assembly and causing obstruction, molestation, annoyance and intimidation to the members of the Assembly including some of the Hon. Ministers by preventing them from entering the premises of the Assembly and carrying on their legitimate duties [while the Legislative Assembly was in session considering the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill, 1960] with the intention of intimidating the Members and compelling them to declare themselves in favour of the amendments moved by the members of the Communist Party in the Assembly to the provisions of the Bill."

This is an important matter and I have not yet come to a decision whether to allow it or not. It will be taken up to-morrow.

III.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 26th September 1961 approved the following further programme of business :—

27th September 1961 (Wednesday) ..	1. Clause-by-clause consideration of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No, 8 of 1960).
	2. The Madras Local Authorities Finance Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1961).
	3. The Madras Estates (Supplementary) Amendment Bill, 1961.
28th September 1961 (Thursday) ..	1. The Madras Forest (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1961).
	2. The Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1961.
	3. The Madras State-Aid to Industries (Second Amendment) Bill, 1961.
	4. The Madras Industries Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 41 of 1961).
	5. The Madras Catering Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 40 of 1961).